SHOTS ALMOST HIT BROTHER OF SIRHAN

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Two Bullets Fired from Mystery Car

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Two bullets fired from a mystery car Wednesday narrowly missed the oldest brother of the man accused of killing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, police reported.

Saidallah B. Sirhan, 36, unemployed screw machine operator, told officers that two cars trailed him for miles along a freeway then, about 4:30 a. m., pulled alongside and from one came gunfire. Then they sped away.

Sirhan, unhurt, drove to police headquarters and made a report.

Officers said they recovered two .38 caliber bullets from Sirhan's car—one from the left front door and one that ricocheted onto his coat in the back seat.

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SAIDALLAH SIRHAN
Escapes attempt on life.

FAMILY GUARDED

Sirhan's brother, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, is in Los Angeles County Jail awaiting trial on a charge he murdered Kennedy.

The Sirhan family immigrated from Jordan and has lived here since 1957. The mother and two other brothers, Munir and Adel, share a house that is guarded by police. Saidallah lives alone. Police said they advised him to move into the guarded home.

Officers said Sirhan told this story:

—He drove to Los Angeles to talk to a writer for a weekly newspaper but was unable to make contact and was driving home along the Pasadena Freeway. Near Los Angeles' Chinatown, he noticed that a Volkswagen bus and a Chevrolet were trailing him.

PISTOL POKED OUT

—When they continued on his tail for some time, he moved into the center lane so they could pass. Instead, the bus pulled alongside on his right and the other car came up on his left.

—He saw a pistol poke out of the bus, which contained four men, and two shots were fired. Then the Chevrolet, with three men, and the bus quickly left the freeway.

Officers said the first shot apparently went through the front window. Sirhan said he leaned away after hearing it, then came the second. An officer said: "Had the driver been sitting upright the projectile probably would have passed through his neck."

THREATS REPORTED

Authorities say the Sirhan family—along with various others connected with the case—have received threats of harm. They declined to give details.

Sirhan, in a copyrighted interview with the Pasadena Independent Star-News, had said earlier that a hearing on his application for citizenship was called off on the day Kennedy was shot, last June 5. He said it had been set for June 7, but an FBI man and an immigration service man came to his house and told him not to appear. He was told it would be rescheduled, but so far no date has been set, he said.

An immigration department spokesman in Los Angeles said the matter is in abeyance pending disposition of the Sirhan Bishara case.